

**AG Growth – Producer Diversification Cost Share**

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>Improve or expand operations through production of diversified agricultural products</b>
Application Period:	July 1 – September 30, 2006
Allocations Announced:	October 16, 2006
Reimbursement Deadline:	October 15, 2007
Cost Share Percentage:	35%
Maximum Cost Share:	\$10,000
Cost Share Activities:	Farm Infrastructure, Marketing, Specialty Equipment
Review Format:	Competitive by industry sector
Application Materials:	Application form, narrative, cost sources/quotes required

**FY06-07 Summary:**                      **All funds have been allocated.**

- Projects must be pre-approved before any work is begun or purchases made
- Applicants must be Tennessee residents and operate a farm or agri-business located in the state
- Applicants with livestock must register their premises with the National Animal Identification System
- Applications must be 1.) signed and dated 2.) include an activity budget with cost quotes/written estimates 3.) narrative answers
- Labor must be quoted to be eligible for cost share assistance and conducted by a professional
- Industry sectors include agri-tourism, aquaculture, bees, fruits & vegetables, goats & sheep, horticulture, organics, value-added products, and viticulture
- Activities & items must:
  - demonstrate significant potential for increasing farm income
  - be market driven and have a viable marketing plan
  - establish something new, not substitute for on-going projects
  - meet all state/local food safety and regulatory requirements
  - have life span of least three years/long-term benefits
- Not eligible: fencing, clearing of land & general landscaping, general office equipment and supplies, general maintenance/renovations, major construction (barns, storage buildings, show facilities), general motorized equipment (mowers, tractors, trucks), promotional items, water source creation

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**Cattle Improvement Cost Share**

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>Improve herds and profits through better genetics and safer handling equipment</b>
Application Period:	July 1 – Depletion of funds* (Nov 15, 2006) * Applications rec'd after 11/15/06 are placed ON HOLD pending future availability of funds
Reimbursement Deadline:	May 1, 2007
Cost Share Percentage:	35%
Maximum Cost Share:	\$1,725
Cost Share Activities:	Genetics and Livestock Handling Equipment, Herd Evaluations
Review Format:	First come, first served
Application Materials:	Application form

**FY06-07 Summary:**                      **All funds have been allocated.**

- Projects must be pre-approved before any work is begun or purchases made
- Applicants must register their premises with the National Animal Identification System
- Applicants must be BQA (Beef Quality Assurance) certified
- Applicants must be residents of the state of TN and own at least 10 cows
- 35% cost share up to a maximum of \$700 for genetics and \$850 for equipment
- Beef producers received 93% of funding; funds are divided into county levels based upon the number of beef cattle producers in each county
- Dairy producers received 7% funding; funds are allocated on a first come, first served basis
- For genetic purchases, bulls or semen must meet certain EPD Criteria
- Bulls must pass a Breeding Soundness exam and be tagged with an Electronic Identification Tag
- Dairy bulls or semen must meet certain criteria from applicable breed association
- Applicants must supply proper documentation along with receipts to be reimbursed
- Applicants must purchase equipment from the eligible list and provide receipts and pictures of items purchased

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## **Hay Storage Cost Share**

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>Improve quantity and quality of hay through proper storage</b>
Applications available:	December 1, 2006 on <a href="http://www.picktnproducts.org">www.picktnproducts.org</a>
Application Period:	January 2 – April 2, 2007 (Any application postmarked before January 2, 2007 will be returned to applicant)
Reimbursement Deadline:	December 31, 2007
Cost share percentage:	35%
Maximum Cost Share:	\$3,500
Cost Share Activities:	Hay Storage Facilities
Review Format:	First come, first served
Application Materials:	Application form, cost sources/estimates required
<b>FY06-07 Summary:</b>	<b>Applications at <a href="http://www.picktnproducts.org">www.picktnproducts.org</a></b>

- Projects must be pre-approved before any work is begun or purchases made
- Applications must include an activity budget with cost quotes
- Labor must be quoted to be eligible for cost share assistance and conducted by a professional
- Facility must be constructed on producer owned land
- Applicants must be Tennessee residents and operate a farm or agri-business located in the state
- Applicants must own at least 10 cows or raise at least 50 acres of hay
- Applicants with livestock must register their premises with the National Animal Identification System
- Application must be complete including date signed and signature of applicant
- New construction and new additions to existing buildings are eligible; renovations to existing structures are ineligible
- Site preparation: Site must be well drained
- Roof: Metal, shingles, or polymer coated fabric eligible
- Flooring: Concrete or 4-6 inches of gravel on plastic is eligible

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